

# FIFTH FRANTIC GERMAN DRIVE WILL PROBABLY AIM TO CUT WAY THROUGH BRITISH TO CHANNEL

**Strong Local Attack in Flanders, Which  
May be the Beginning of New Effort  
to Get at the Throat of Great Brit-  
ain Was Completely Repulsed**

## ACTIVITY HAS DIED DOWN ON MONTDIDIER-SOISSONS FRONT

**The Drive for Compiègne Seems to  
Have Been Completely Checked  
Without the Germans Securing  
Any Important Advantage**

German attacks on each side of the French salient between Montdidier and Soissons seem to have been definitely checked. Halted in their rush toward Compiègne and unable rapidly to outflank the French by their onslaught southwest of Soissons, the enemy have apparently ceased their plunging tactics, which began last Sunday and for a time threatened the vital French positions. The French official statement says that only local fighting has occurred along the front of attack during the past few hours.

The latest German attempt to break through the French lines lasted but five days before it reached the phase of equilibrium which has marked the end of the critical periods in the Picardy, Flanders and Aisne drives.

The Germans have been held north of the Aronde and Matz rivers, to the west of the Oise. They have failed to make serious attack against the new French positions east of that river. Southwest of Soissons they advanced approximately a mile over a four-mile front, but their progress was so slow that after the inception of the fighting little anxiety was felt concerning future events in that region.

The sectors further south, which include the points at which the American forces are fighting, have been heavily bombarded by the enemy, but no further infantry attacks have been launched by him.

An inference that might be drawn from the apparent haste of the Germans in beginning their great attack east of Montdidier almost as soon as their sweeping advance on the Aisne front had been checked at the Marne is that another German offensive may be speedily launched. It is not improbable, according to French opinion, that this blow will fall on the British front, further north, either in front of Amiens or in the Flanders sector, where the Germans may attempt to cut their way through to the channel ports.

In this connection the British official statement tells of a strong local attack by the Germans in the region of Merris, on the extreme western angle of the Flanders salient. This attack was completely repulsed, it is said. The Amiens front and the Scarpe river valley near Arras have been bombarded by the Germans, who have not as yet, however, attempted infantry attacks on the allied lines in those regions.

**BRITISH BROKE  
UP HARD RAID  
NEAR MERRIS**

There is Greater Activity on the Northern Part of the Allied Line—German Artillery Starts Up.

London, June 14.—A strong enemy party this morning attacked on the posts recently established by the British southwest of Merris on the Flanders front, the war office announced. The attack was completely repulsed. The Germans left some prisoners in the hands of the British.

Activity by the German artillery in the region of Villers-Bretonneux, to the east of Amiens, as well as in the Scarpe valley east of Arras, is reported.

The text of the statement says: "Early this morning an attack was made by a party of the enemy upon one of our posts southwest of Merris. It was completely repulsed, a few prisoners remaining in our hands."

"The hostile artillery had been active in the Villers-Bretonneux sector and in the Scarpe valley."

"During the night successful raids were carried out by us in the neighborhood of Neuville-Vitasse and Givenchy-Lez-LaBassée. Patrol encounters took place to our advantage southwest of Gavrelle and northwest of Merville. As a result of these encounters we captured several prisoners and two machine guns."

**GERMAN ATTACK  
NEAR ANTHEUIL  
WAS SMASHED**

Otherwise There Have Been No Infantry Engagements on the Sector of the Recent Great Battle.

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sector held by American troops), there was artillery fighting during the night. A German attack near Antheuil, west of the Oise, was completely broken up.

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**GERMANS GAINED  
A NARROW MILE**

French Troops Are Showing So Much Determination and Valor That Paris Military Critics Are Quietly Confident.

London, June 14.—The German crown prince continues his desperate attempts to overcome the difficult forest regions barring his way into the Oise valley and although by heavy fighting he gets a little nearer to Compiègne his progress is very slow.

Thursday's reports are considered satisfactory on the whole by observers here. The enemy has progressed about a mile on a very narrow front northeast of Villers-Cotterêts, but the French troops are showing such determination and valor in counter-attacking, that, although reports from Paris indicate it may be necessary to give further ground in face of superior numbers, there exists a spirit of quiet confidence and trust in General Foch's prudent handling of the situation.

Both the French and German communiques indicate the terrible nature of the struggle that is progressing, the Germans having to admit the loss of some guns.

It is clear that the American forces in the region of Bourches are showing grit in holding off German attacks, which gives the enemy great and unexpected trouble.

The battle is regarded here as a contest between opposing reserves. It is known that the crown prince has been compelled to draw slightly upon the reserves of Prince Rupprecht of Bavaria, as some of Rupprecht's men have been identified among the 20 divisions the Germans have employed since June 9.

## FLAG DAY HELD NEW SIGNIFICANCE

With 700,000 American Men in France and Fighting for Integrity of Nation.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—With 700,000 men in France giving added significance to the Stars and Stripes, flag day was observed in the United States to-day with a greater display of patriotism than ever before. Observance of the day generally took the form of a display of the flag though public exercises were arranged in a number of cities and towns. In all celebrations the fresh laurels won by American troops in the last ten days did not pass unnoticed.

In Washington, all government departments were to close at 3 o'clock and join in a celebration near the Capitol grounds. Secretary of War Baker was to preside at the meeting with Solicitor General John W. Davis as the principal speaker. It was considered likely that President Wilson would attend the exercises.

**TRY TO SUSPEND MAIL RATE.**

Which is Fastened on Second-Class Publishers.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Despite the assertion of Chairman Simmons that he is convinced it will be impossible to pass a resolution to suspend the increased second-class publishers' mail rates, effective July 1, the Senate finance committee met to-day to consider the possibility of such action. A group of senators, headed by Senator Watson of Indiana and Smoot of Utah, have urged that action to suspend the rates be taken. Senator Simmons, in calling the meeting of the committee, said he had been assured by House leaders that a suspension of the resolution would fail of being brought up in the House.

**RUSH STEEL TO JAPAN.**

So That Japanese Can Build Ships for United States.

Washington, June 14.—One hundred and fifty thousand tons of steel have been allocated to the Japanese government by the war industries board, completing the first step in the reciprocal agreement entered into whereby Japan will build ships for the United States. The steel is being rushed to seaboard for quick transportation in ships.

**McADOO DENIES REQUEST**

For Information as to Plans to Stabilize American Dollar.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Secretary McAdoo to-day denied the request for information as to what steps are being taken to stabilize the value of the American dollar abroad. Asked for the information in a Senate resolution, he replied that in the opinion of President Wilson it would be inadvisable to supply it at this time, for fear it might reach enemy countries.

**28 STATES REPRESENTED**

At Washington Conference on War Work Activities.

Washington, D. C., June 14.—Revenue legislation and industrial activities connected with the war were considered at a conference here to-day. Twenty-eight states were represented.

**TALK OF THE TOWN**

Mrs. H. P. Hinman and two children of Orange street are passing several days with relatives in Canaan, N. H.

Mrs. S. S. Andrews and daughter, Miss Mary Andrews of Middlebury, are spending a few days in Brooklyn, N. Y., attending the graduation exercises of Pratt institute, from which school the former's daughter, Miss Marjorie Andrews, graduates this year.

All members of the primary, junior and intermediate departments of the Hedding M. E. Sunday school are requested to be at the church Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock to practice songs that will be used in the community Sunday school patriotic demonstration on the park next Sunday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock. The children from the North Barre Methodist mission are also asked to meet Saturday afternoon at the same time and place.

Not to be outdone by F. C. Eaton of Hill street, who enjoyed a picking of home-grown peas with his salmon yesterday, G. H. Douglass, a Tremont street war gardener, ventured into his vegetable plot this morning and picked a quart of string beans. The vegetables were fully matured and graced the table at noon. Mr. Douglass believes in seed his garden early, and his theory that late April planting brings almost sure results is well sustained in this instance.

A considerable number of monument retailers at present are making their annual spring visit in the Barre granite belt. While negotiating for Barre granite memorials most of the dealers are registered at Hotel Barre. Hance White of Pittsburg, Kan., a member of the firm of Hance White & Son, and one of the veterans of the trade, is here for a fortnight.

L. W. Saunders, representing the Adler Monument & Granite Works of New York City, arrived last night for an extended stay. Mr. and Mrs. Samuel White of Clayville, Pa., came yesterday to remain for a week. Mr. White is here in the interests of the firm of White & Sons.

Busy preparations were in progress this forenoon for the flower show to be held this afternoon and to-morrow under the auspices of the civic department of the Barre Woman's club. The vacant store in the old town house is the show-room, and much has been accomplished in the way of making the interior attractive for the exhibit. Flowers, with peonies predominating, began coming in early this forenoon. A number of women were present to assist in the arrangement of the exhibits and by noon all was in readiness for visitors. The show is not limited to peonies alone, and other flowers are desired. The public is invited to stop for an inspection of the exhibits.

**AUSTRIAN ATTACK  
WAS BROKEN UP**

Italians Accounted for Operation on Cady Summit and Monticello Ridge.

Rome, June 14.—Austro-Hungarian forces yesterday launched an attack against the Italian lines on Cady summit and the Monticello ridge, the Italian war office announced to-day. The attack was broken up by the Italians.

**"GERMANS GOT A SKINFUL"**

That is the Way One Allied General Describes Present Failure.

Paris, June 14.—The position of the latest German effort after five days of fighting is described inelegantly but aptly by a general who has just arrived from the front, as follows:

"The Germans got a skinful."

Military commentators here are unanimous in declaring another German failure.

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## "BONE DRY" FIGHT IS ON

National War-Time Prohibition Amendment Tentatively Inserted

BY SENATE COMMITTEE  
ON AGRICULTURE

The Randall Amendment  
Was Stricken Out  
To-day

Washington, D. C., June 14.—With only five members present, the Senate agriculture committee to-day tentatively inserted in the agricultural appropriation bill the amendment of Senator Jones of Washington, to provide for national prohibition during the war.

The committee struck out the Randall amendment which provides against the appropriation unless the president prevents the use of grain and foodstuffs in the manufacture of beer and wine. Opponents of prohibition announced that efforts would be made to have the committee reconsider its action in view of the fact that only five senators were present.

Senators Norris, Kenyon and Page voted for the amendment and Senators Smith, South Carolina, acting chairman of the committee, and Smith of Georgia opposed the resolution. The committee also eliminated from the bill the House amendment, providing that no money appropriated in the measure shall be used in the payment of salaries of persons of draft age who have been given deferred classification while employed in the department of agriculture.

Senator Smith of South Carolina, immediately after the conference adjourned, called another meeting of the committee for this afternoon, at which efforts will be made to reconsider the action taken on the prohibition amendment.

Immediately after the Jones amendment had been adopted and while Senator Smith, the acting chairman, was temporarily out of the committee room, Senator Page of Vermont, supporter of the prohibition amendment, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Senator Kenyon, another prohibition leader. When Senator Smith returned a few minutes later, he found the committee had adjourned and all the members had gone.

**U.S. AIRMEN "GET"  
2 GERMAN PLANES;  
DROVE 3RD DOWN**

One Enemy Plane Was Pursued Back of Its Own Lines and Brought Down—Another Driven Down in Flames and Third Crippled—One American Aviator Was Lost.

With the American Army in France, Thursday, June 13 (by Associated Press).

Two German airplanes were destroyed and another apparently was driven down out of control by American aviators on the Toul front to-day. Three American fighting airplanes attacked a German patrol machine at a height of 2,000 meters. The battle took place at a height of 5,000 meters over Norroy, north of Pont-a-Mousson. One German machine was shot down in flames, while the other is believed to have been crippled.

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## LT. GILFILLAN BADLY WOUNDED

The St. Johnsbury Man Was  
Member of the U. S.  
Marine Corps

BUGLER E. N. POPE,  
HARDWICK, MISSING

Corporal Frederick R. Hyde,  
Chester, Third Vermont  
in To-day's Casualty List

The names of three Vermont men appeared in the American casualty lists to-day, they being:

Second Lieutenant Max D. Giffillan, St. Johnsbury.

Bugler Edwin N. Pope, Hardwick.

Corporal Frederick R. Hyde, Chester. The first-named, who is a member of the marine corps, is reported as severely wounded and it is probable that he was injured in the heavy fighting in which the marines have been participating northwest of Chateau Thierry. He was formerly a member of the 1st Vermont infantry.

Bugler Pope and Corporal Hyde are reported as missing in action, and word to the former's friends in Hardwick states that he was missing on May 15.

**LIEUT. GILFILLAN  
RECENTLY CITED  
FOR BRAVERY**

He Was Gassed at the Time and Was Given Honorable Mention with 37 Other Americans.

St. Johnsbury, June 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Giffillan of Portland street, the former a well known railroad contractor, received a message this morning from the war department, announcing that their son, Second Lieutenant Max D. Giffillan, a member of the marine corps, had been severely wounded in action. It is supposed that his wound was received in the recent heavy fighting north of the Marne river.

Lieut. Giffillan was one of the most popular young men who have attended St. Johnsbury academy in recent years. He was an honor student and a star athlete, playing on the baseball and football teams and being pitcher of the former. On leaving the academy he went to the Agricultural and Mechanical college at College Station, Tex., and he was there when the trouble between Mexico and the United States broke out. He immediately returned home and enlisted in Co. D, 1st Vermont infantry, and later went to the Mexican border. At the close of that service he returned to college and was graduated as valedictorian in a class of 180. While at college he maintained his reputation as a star athlete, being called one of the best all-around men ever enrolled in his institution.

Subsequently he was commissioned as a second lieutenant and was assigned to the 68th company, 5th regiment, first battalion of the second division, U. S. marine corps. He went to France with the marines and was one of 38 officers and men who a month ago were cited for bravery in action and had received the croix de guerre. At that time Lieut. Giffillan was gassed.

Lieut. Giffillan is 24 years of age and has two sisters, Frieda, who is employed at the Charlestown navy yard, and Lila, who is studying music in Indianapolis. The many friends of the young officer are waiting further information as to the nature of his wounds.

**BUGLER POPE ONE  
OF THREE SONS  
IN U. S. SERVICE**

Two of His Brothers Are in the Navy and the Fourth Is Too Young to Enlist.

Hardwick, June 14.—Bugler Edwin N. Pope, who was mentioned in to-day's casualty list as among the missing, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pope, who reside on Mill street, the former of whom is a hardware merchant here. On Thursday morning they received a telegram stating that their son, a member of Co. D, 102 infantry, was missing in action on May 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope received a letter from their son May 1, which was dated the middle of April, in which Bugler Pope said they were just back from the trenches and were resting up. Since then his parents had heard nothing until the message came yesterday announcing that their son was missing.

Bugler Pope has been in the service over a year, having enlisted from Connecticut, where he was employed in a munitions plant when the war broke out. He has been away from home a good deal during the past few years. He is 23 years old and is the eldest of four sons, two others, Clarence and George Pope, being in the United States navy and Wesley Pope being a school boy here and residing at home.

**ST. JOHNSBURY MAN  
WON CROIX DE GUERRE**

Aldice Morency Honored, According to Letter His Chum Wrote Home.

St. Johnsbury, June 14.—Through a letter from his chum, word has been received here that Aldice Morency has been awarded the cross of war for bravery in action. He was the first St. Johnsbury boy to be wounded, having received a slight injury three months ago, but he evidently soon got back into the line again as a member of the 102nd Machine Gun battalion, which contains so many members of the old 1st Vermont regiment.

**BRITISH CASUALTIES.**

Showed 34,171 Officers and Men for the Week.

London, June 14.—British casualties reported for the week ending to-day, were 34,171 officers and men. Of this number 4,447 were killed.

## U-BOATS RESUME ATTACK OFF COAST OF VIRGINIA; BIG BRITISH SHIP SUNK

**WAR CHEST MAY  
REACH \$50,000**

Many People Are Still Turning in Cards and the Work of Compilation Is Far from Completed.

Growing out of the recent war chest canvass is a movement which is bringing many who failed to subscribe into the fold with the patriotic people whose devotion to the cause will probably mean that Barre's war chest contribution is to aggregate \$50,000, although that figure has not been reached as yet. It is called the "change of heart" movement, and it is made up of the people who, among others, are daily finding their way to the Church street headquarters for the purpose of subscribing. Most of them say that they have had a change of heart since they refused the solicitors who participated in Tuesday's big house-to-house canvass. Those who do not come in person instruct the canvassers who were assigned to their territory to return them their cards that they may pledge support to the war chest.

It is one of the most encouraging features of the campaign, and while the committee and nearly a dozen workers have their hands full in compiling returns, they are only too glad to pause in their task and attend to the wants of those who have joined the change of heart movement.

To-day the clerical force was engaged in bringing order out of the confusion incident to being swamped with returns by dividing the contributions into wards. It is too early to tell how much each ward contributed for the reason that the canvassers have not reported in full, but at the present time word is coming in from the call. Persons who were out of the city or absent from home Tuesday were interviewed yesterday and to-day, and the sum of their contributions will add materially to the amount already in hand. Most of the granite manufacturing plants have reported, and at this writing the more optimistic members of the committee believe that the subscriptions from the stonesheds alone will amount to \$25,000.

All who may have been missed in the shuffle of Tuesday's drive are urged to call at the Church street headquarters and provide themselves with cards. Canvassing teams are asked to report as soon as they have covered the territory assigned them in order that the work of the compilers may be facilitated.

**M. & W. R. R. CUTS OFF  
BARRE PASSENGERS**

That Branch of Service Between Montpelier and Barre Eliminated and Passengers Will Get to Barre as Best They Can.

Officials of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad this afternoon confirmed a rumor that all passenger service will be taken off the Barre branch of their railroad. This means that passengers from the main line will have to reach Barre as best they can, either by the Central Vermont or by the electric railroad.

The action of the railroad follows soon after the three-cent rate went into effect, which increased the price of travel between the two cities to 18 cents instead of 10. It is said that the electric railroad is getting a largely increased volume of business and that at rush times an extra car may be needed to carry the traffic.

This order goes into effect June 24.

**GODDARD'S DATES.**

49th Annual Commencement Opens Sunday, June 16.

Goddard's forty-ninth annual commencement is to be held next week and the usual preparations for the various activities have been completed. Twenty-nine seniors are to be graduated from the academic department and there are about thirty students who are to receive diplomas from the commercial department. The program for the week is announced as follows:

Sunday, June 16.—Sermon before the graduating class at the Universalist church, 10:30 a. m.; preacher, Rev. H. Philbrook Morrill of St. Lawrence university, Canton, N. Y.

Monday, June 17.—Business meeting and banquet of the commercial alumni association at 8 p. m.

Tuesday, June 18.—Graduating exercises of the commercial class at 8 p. m.; address by Rev. Edgar Crossland.

Wednesday, June 19.—Concert by musical department at 8 p. m.

Thursday, June 20.—Class day exercises on the campus at 3 p. m.; prize speaking at 8 p. m.